ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE GRANT

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Purpose: Transparency International (TI) is a Berlin-based NGO whose mission is to curb corruption through international and national coalitions encouraging governments to establish and implement effective laws, policies, and anti-corruption programs. TI hopes to strengthen public support for anti-corruption programs and enhance transparency and accountability in government.

Possible Work Areas: TI's strategy to accomplish its mission is to establish coalitions of like-minded organizations and individuals to work with governments in developing and implementing national anti-corruption programs. To date, TI has established over 70 national chapters that foster anti-corruption programs in their own countries in accordance with TI's approaches and core values. TI is also developing an information center and conducting research into aspects of containing corruption; participating in public fora; using publicity campaigns to broaden public awareness of the damage caused by corruption, the need to counter it, and the means to reduce it; and compiling an annual index of perceptions of corruption around the world. Mission and bureau add-ons to the grant are possible. Because the grant is an assistance instrument, TI must agree that the proposed activity fits within its existing program.

In addition to this core grant, the Center launched a three-year grant to TI in September 1997. This grant pays for four regional anti-corruption conferences as well as intensive anti-corruption work in 8-10 countries. The country-focused work starts with a baseline survey on corruption in the country and an integrity workshop that allows participants to identify key problems in their country related to corruption and to lay out strategies for overcoming them. Workshop participants include government officials, academics, journalists, civil society representatives, and business leaders who jointly have the capacity to carry out the reforms they propose.

After the kick-off workshop, TI would work with workshop participants to assess the types and content of technical assistance most needed and arrange to have it provided. Such areas might include assistance in designing and even implementing regulatory reform, ethics guidelines, financial management systems, training in advocacy, public awareness raising, etc. No more than a year later, TI would conduct a second survey and a follow-up workshop to review progress, assess the implications for future work, and revise the priorities, timetable, and responsibility assignments as necessary. TI would again assist in providing or accessing technical assistance.

The G/DG grant would pay for the two workshops and the management time of TI throughout the integrity program. Funding for the surveys and specific anti-corruption interventions would come from the host-country government, USAID Mission, and/or other donors. TI anticipates working in countries where there are suitable partners in government and civil society who are genuinely committed to reform and where USAID Missions have identified transparency and accountability as areas to work in.

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